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SUBJ: NORTH DAKOTA MISSION

REF: (A) STATE 040130, (B) STATE 040156, (C) STATE 049743

1. REF (C) RECEIVED MARCH 3, REFS (A) AND (B) ON MARCH 6.

2. MARCH 7 WE ASKED DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT MFA FOR INFORMAL INDICATION WHETHER VISIT OF GOVERNOR LINK AND PARTY WOULD BE WELCOMED AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT TO EGYPT AND JORDAN. WE ASSUME THIS MEANS ARRIVAL BAGHDAD AROUND MARCH 20. MFA OFFICIAL PROMISED FEEDBACK ON PROPOSAL BY AROUND MARCH 12-13. MFA, IN COORDINATION WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, MAKES CONSCIOUS EFFORT SPACE OUT GROWING NUMBER OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS BY FOREIGN DELEGATIONS AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PROPOSED NORTH DAKOTA MISSION VISIT WILL CONFLICT WITH OTHERS ALREADY ON BOOKS. IT ALSO POSSIBLE THAT MORE LEAD TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN ALL OF THE NECESSARY CLEARANCES FROM THE GOI.

3. PARA THREE OF REF (C) APPEARS TO BE GARBLED. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM ADVANCE MAN MICHAEL SABA AND ASSUME THAT WE ARE NOT BEING ASKED TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR GROUP. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF GROUP'S TRAVEL AND HOTEL

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ARRANGEMENTS.

4. COMMENT: GROUP'S COMPOSITION APPEARS APT. WE HOPE
IT WILL BE ABLE TRAVEL ON TIME TABLE OF ITS CHOOSING, BUT,
IF NOT, HOPE IT CAN VISIT US AT LATER DATE.
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